

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Spice Innovation

WHEREAS, the dairy industry in Wisconsin contributes more than \$26.5 billion each year to Wisconsin's economy and employs more than 146,000 Wisconsin residents; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin is home to 140 cheese plants, about 1,200 licensed cheese makers and nearly 11,000 dairy farms – more than any other state in the country – that produce more than 600 varieties, types, and styles of Wisconsin cheese – nearly double that of any other state; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin ranks first among all states in the production of Cheddar, Provolone, Muenster, Parmesan, and Romano cheeses, and Wisconsin accounts for more than a quarter of the specialty cheese production in the U.S.; and additional revenue for the state, and nearly every sector of Wisconsin's economy is linked to dairy; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin ranks fourth nationwide for the value of dairy exports, and Wisconsin's dairy exports were valued at \$282 million in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's cheese plants produce more than 2.7 billion pounds of cheese every year – this accounts for about 25 percent of national cheese production; and

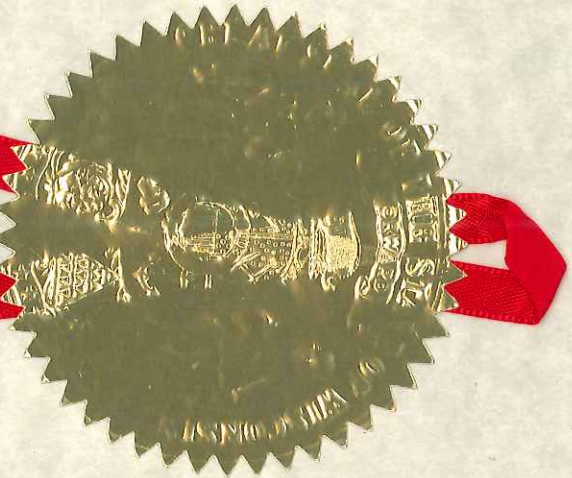
WHEREAS, the average Wisconsin dairy cow generates more than \$21,000 a year in economic activity and these dollars circulate throughout the local community, helping to support schools and local businesses; and

WHEREAS, our dairy industry is made up of farm families working together to keep our state "open for business" and pristine for generations to come;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim June 2013, as

DAIRY MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand and caused the Great
Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed.
Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison
this 1st day of June 2013.


SCOTT WALKER
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State